

HONORING CHRISTOPHER STERLING BRENNECKE FOR EARNING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher Sterling Brennecke, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1082, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christopher has been very active with his troop, participating in such scout activities as the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation for 7 years and the Philmont Scout Ranch. Over the 11 years he has been involved in scouting, he has earned 31 merit badges. Additionally, Christopher has held several leadership positions, serving as quartermaster, historian, scribe, librarian, patrol leader, assistant patrol leader and senior patrol leader. Christopher also has been honored for his numerous scouting achievements with such awards as the Arrow of Light Award, the God and Country Award and Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Christopher landscaped around the front of the Buckner Elementary School as well as the courtyard.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Christopher Sterling Brennecke for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A TRIBUTE TO SAM CALAGIONE, PRESIDENT OF DOGFISH HEAD BREWERY

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Sam Calagione, President of Dogfish Head Brewery and winner of the Delaware Small Business Person of the Year Award.

Throughout my years in public service I have consistently counted Delaware's small businesses amongst the very best in the country. Mr. Calagione's recognition further confirms my belief.

As you know, small businesses have always been extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national economy. Small businesses account for the majority of all new jobs being created daily, and provide opportunities for millions of people to earn a living and provide financial stability for their families. Through his work, Sam has distinguished himself as an outstanding leader in the small business community.

Sam Calagione's accomplishments and entrepreneurial skills have placed Dogfish Head Brewery in a position to rise above and meet the challenges of the future; I commend him on his receipt of this award and I look forward to Mr. Calagione's continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. ALLEN BARNETT, RECOGNIZED FOR DELAWARE ENTREPRENEURIAL SUCCESS

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Allen Barnett—President and CEO of AstroPower. A position which has earned him recognition in Delaware for his Entrepreneurial success.

Dr. Barnett has established one of the largest and fastest growing independent solar electric power companies in the world. Dr. Allen Barnett's creative, insightful and necessary foray into sustainable energy is not only beneficial to the entire population for ecological reasons but also for its economic stimulus.

Throughout my years in public service I have consistently counted Delaware's cutting edge entrepreneurs amongst the very best in the country. Dr. Allen Barnett's recognition further confirms my belief.

Dr. Barnett's accomplishments and innovative leadership in the community have placed AstroPower in a position to rise above and meet the challenges of the future; I commend him on his receipt of this award and I look forward to Dr. Barnett's continued success.

RECOGNIZING HAROLD O. JOHANSON

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the numerous contributions of Mr. Harold O. Johanson on the occasion of his recent retirement as City Manager of El Monte, CA.

A long time resident of El Monte, Mr. Johanson has dedicated his life to serving the city. He began his career with the city of El Monte as a Planning Intern in 1967. Three years later, he became an official employee of the city as an Assistant Planner. He quickly rose through the city ranks and over the years has held several positions including Planning Director, Director of Community Services, and City Manager.

Over the course of this impressive career, Mr. Johanson dramatically changed the landscape of the city. Some of his greatest accomplishments were overseeing the establishment of the El Monte Aquatic Center, the Santa Fe Plaza Redevelopment Project, three First Time Home Buyer Programs, and numerous commercial centers that brought much needed revenue to the city. The city flourished under Mr. Johanson's strategic and watchful leadership.

As the current Treasurer for the San Gabriel Valley Boys and Girls Club and Secretary of the Downtown El Monte Business Association Board of Directors, and member of the Kiwanis Club, he has always been active in the community outside his work. While many will miss his presence in city hall, I know he will continue to work with the community.

On April 24, 2003, the city of El Monte thanked Mr. Johanson for his years of com-

mitted work. I also would like to thank Mr. Johanson and recognize his dedicated service to the community of El Monte.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY CELEBRATES MEGAN BOYLE FOR HER RECEIPT OF THE CORE OF THE ARC ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Megan Boyle for her volunteer service. She has been chosen by CORE of the ARC, a coalition of local social service agencies, law enforcement officials, educators and community activists, that seeks out and honors youth who have voluntarily given outstanding service to those with disabilities in the school community. She is a senior at East Brunswick High School and she has worked actively as a volunteer for the Sayerville Association for Brain Injured Children for three and one half years.

Megan's aunt introduced her to the Association for Brain Injured Children and after participating in the Saturday program two or three times, she was committed. She volunteers each Saturday helping with art, board games, exercise, sports and other activities. Her commitment expanded to summer camp with the Association over the past three summers.

Megan has displayed a variety of talents working with both autistic children and children with Down's syndrome. She has helped the children progress in the areas of learning skills and socialization skills. Her success and confidence gained her a promotion at the summer camp. Her new responsibility put her in the leadership position of being in charge of seven counselors and twenty children for six weeks.

It is only through the generosity of time and spirit of individuals like Megan that our community can meet the needs of those with disabilities. It is not often that someone as young as Megan is so willing to share of her time and expertise. She tells us she is richer for this dedication to improving the lives of others. Clearly the individuals she has befriended and served are also better off.

I ask that all the members join me in congratulating Megan Boyle as a recipient of the CORE of the ARC's Annual Distinguished Citizen Award.

HONORING KYLE ALAN BRENNECKE FOR EARNING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Alan Brennecke, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1082, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in such scout activities as the H.

Roe Bartle Scout Reservation for 4 years. Over the 9 years he has been involved in scouting, he has earned 29 merit badges. Additionally, Kyle has held several leadership positions, serving as quarter master, historian, patrol leader, assistant patrol leader, senior patrol leader and troop guide. Kyle also has been honored for his numerous scouting achievements with such awards as the Arrow of Light Award, the God and Country Award, and Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout Project, Kyle painted the playground at the Buckner Elementary School in Buckner, Missouri. Additionally, Kyle painted two four squares, basketball lanes and playground signs.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle Alan Brennecke for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A TRIBUTE TO DONA ZACZKIEWICZ, THE DELAWARE WOMEN IN BUSINESS ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dona Zaczekiewicz, winner of Delaware Women in Business Advocate of the Year Award. She is given this honor as president of Dona Z Consulting.

As you know, advocates for women in business have always been extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national economy. Small businesses account for the majority of all new jobs being created daily, and provide opportunities for millions of people to earn a living and provide financial stability for their families. Through her work, Dona has distinguished herself and many other women business owners in Delaware's small business community.

Through out my years in public service I have consistently counted Delaware's women owned businesses to be amongst the very best in the Country, and recognition of Ms. Zaczekiewicz further confirms my belief.

Dona Zaczekiewicz's accomplishments and innovative leadership in the business community have placed Dona Z Consulting in a position to rise above and meet the challenges of the future; I commend her on her receipt of this award and I look forward to Ms. Zaczekiewicz's continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. MARK LUPPI, WINNER OF THE MID-ATLANTIC REGION AND DELAWARE FINANCIAL SERVICE ADVOCATE AWARD

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Mark Luppi—winner of the Mid-Atlantic and Delaware Financial Service Advocate Award. Mr. Luppi earned this recognition through his work as Senior Vice President of Citizens Bank.

Mr. Luppi focuses his advocacy efforts on growth and small business leadership. In just a short time after expanding into Delaware, Citizens Bank financed 59 loans to Delaware small businesses. As you know, advocates for small business have always been extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national economy. Small businesses account for the majority of all new jobs being created daily, and provide opportunities for millions of people to earn a living and provide financial stability for their families.

Throughout my years in public service I have consistently counted Delaware's small businesses to be amongst the very best in the Country. Recognition of Mr. Luppi further confirms my belief.

Mr. Luppi's accomplishments and innovative leadership in the community have placed Citizens Bank and many small businesses in a position to rise above and meet the challenges of the future; I commend him on his receipt of this award and I look forward to Mr. Luppi's continued success.

RECOGNIZING ALFRED HERRERA

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great educator with a humble and caring heart, Mr. Alfred Herrera, for his commitment to students.

Mr. Herrera has a remarkable record helping underrepresented, first generation, and low-income students gain access to a college education. As the Director of UCLA's Community College Partnership Program, Mr. Herrera understands the importance of reaching out to students in community colleges who face many challenges in their pursuit of a four-year college education. He prepares students with the information and counsel that will allow them to make a successful transition from a community college to a four-year university and provides guidance for future opportunities.

Mr. Herrera's commitment to students and their academic success is unwavering; he goes far and beyond the call of duty to ensure access and opportunity for students. He has played a significant role in nurturing and providing a highly accelerated learning environment for students of diverse backgrounds.

But his commitment to educational opportunities for all students is exemplified by his work in promoting the passage and implementation of AB540, a California law that allows undocumented students an opportunity to participate in California's public higher education institutes by allowing them to pay in-state tuition rates.

I am honored to call him my dear friend. I commend him for his vision and dedication to create and extend learning opportunities for those least able to access it.

NATIONAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE WEEK

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize the tremendous contribution landscape architects make to the scenic beauty of the United States. Last week marked National Landscape Architecture Week. I would like to thank the industry and the American Society of Landscape Architects for all they do to improve our beautiful country.

Landscape architects play a special role in creating the places in which we live, work, and play. They are dedicated to promoting the careful stewardship, planning, and artful design of our cultural and natural environments. The work of landscape architects reflects the variety and breadth of the profession, from the design of residential and commercial developments, office building sites, and public parks, to public sector comprehensive planning, environmental planning, and town planning.

Though National Landscape Architects Week has passed, I urge all Americans to consider and recognize the many contributions made by landscape architects.

BUDD AND SYLVIA MIZDAIL CELEBRATE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the 50th wedding anniversary of my friends Budd and Sylvia Mizdail of Mocanaqua, Pennsylvania. Their family and friends will honor them with a party on May 3, 2003, at St. Mary's Church in Mocanaqua, the same church where they were married on May 2, 1953.

They are the proud parents of two children: John, of Emmaus; and Brenda, of Plymouth Meeting; and the proud grandparents of four grandchildren.

Both of the Mizdails have given generously of their time over the years to their church, including running the church picnics for several years. They are retired from the Borden plant in Berwick, where he worked as a laboratory technician and she worked as a secretary.

She is the Democratic chairwoman for the Second District in Luzerne County and a 20-year member of the Greater Nanticoke Area School Board. She has been president of the school board for approximately 10 years and is secretary of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 board, of which she has been a member for 11 years. She also continues to be involved with the Conyngham Township Democratic Committee, of which she is a past chair.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the 50th wedding anniversary of Budd and Sylvia Mizdail, and I wish them and their family all the best.